SUDOKU ALPHA

QUICK **A5251**

7	3			8	6		4	
						2	5	
9					3		6	
4			3					
2			6	9				4
	5	7			1	3		
		1						
	9			5		1	2	7
						4	8	6

TRICKY **B5251**

		5				2		9
					4			
	6			3				4
	8			6	9			3
	4		3					
9				7				5
				9			3	6
2				8			4	
	1		7				5	

To solve this puzzle each 3x3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers 1 to 9. While the rules may be simple, there are numerous strategies to help you solve sudoku. For hints and information visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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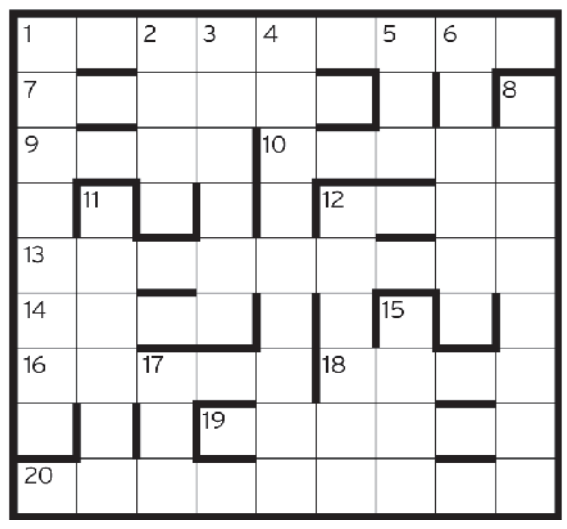
CROSSWORD



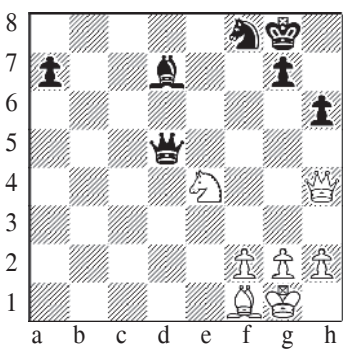
ACROSS

1 Vegetable also known as zucchini (9)
7 Changes (6)
9 Wander (4)
10 Scottish market town (5)
12 Aromatic herb (4)
13 With great speed (9)
14 Skilled (4)
16 Island in the Ionian Sea (5)
18 Wise elder (4)
19 Brings together (6)
20 Loyal, resolute (9)

DOWN

1 Hard shell of a crab or tortoise (8)
2 US state (4)
3 Distant (6)
4 Dog breed (9)
5 Label (3)
6 Tarnishes (6)
8 Sternite (anag.) (8)
11 As well (2,4)
12 Compact group of mountains (6)
15 Facts and figures (4)
17 Fish eggs (3)

CHESS



WHITE WINS THE QUEEN

HINT: USE BOTH PIN AND FORK.

Solution:
1. Bc4! Qxc4 2. Nf6ch! gxf6 3. Qxc4ch.

TARGET

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here?
In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word.
No plurals or verb forms ending in "s".

TODAY'S TARGET

Good 16;

Very good 24;

Excellent 31 (or more).

Solution tomorrow.

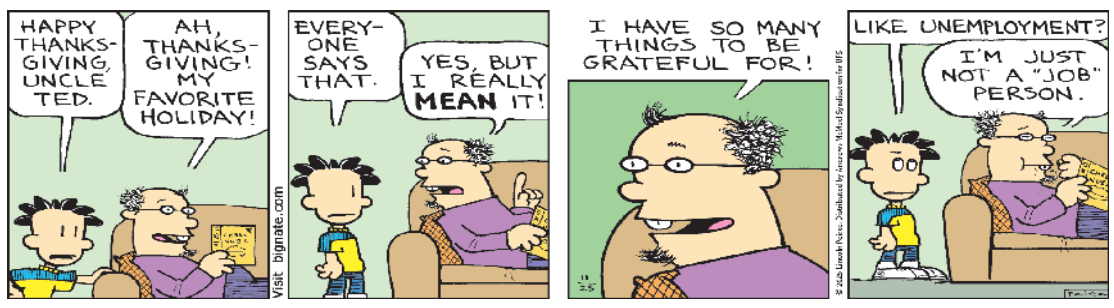
YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

FORGOTTEN

ergo ergot forego forge forget forgo forgone forgot FORGOTTEN frog gent gentoo goer gofer gone goner goof goon gore gotten grot grotto ogre orogeny tong trogon

THE METRO FUNNIES

BIG NATE | BY LINCOLN PEIRCE


HAPPY THANKS-GIVING, UNCLE TED.
AH, THANKS-GIVING! MY FAVORITE HOLIDAY!
EVERY-ONE SAYS THAT.
YES, BUT I REALLY MEAN IT!
I HAVE SO MANY THINGS TO BE GRATEFUL FOR!
LIKE UNEMPLOYMENT?
I'M JUST NOT A "JOB" PERSON.
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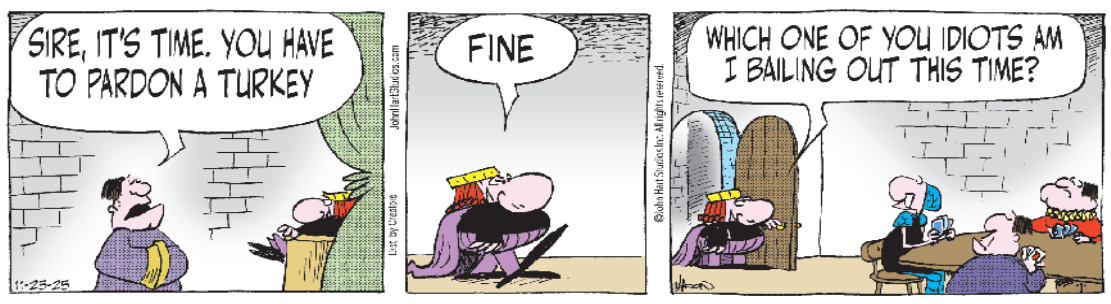
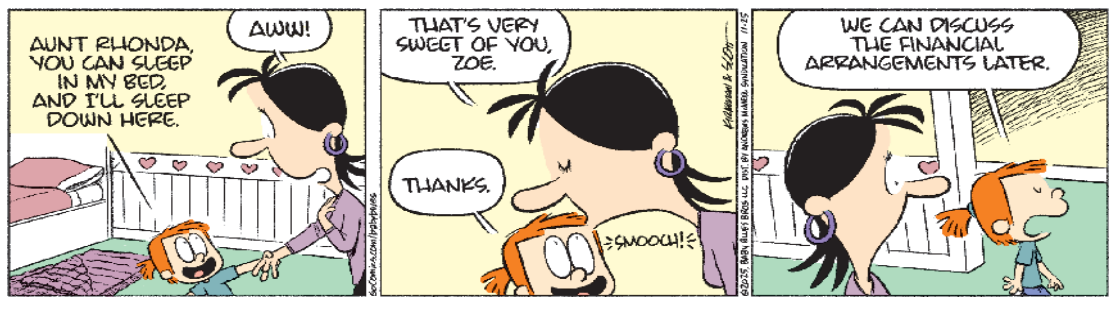
THE WIZARD OF ID | BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART



BABY BLUES


AUNT RHONDA, YOU CAN SLEEP IN MY BED, AND I'LL SLEEP DOWN HERE.
AWW!
THAT'S VERY SWEET OF YOU, ZOE.
THANKS.
SMOOCH!
WE CAN DISCUSS THE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS LATER.

WEATHER

Sunset & Sunrise

	Hyderabad	Islamabad	Karachi	Lahore	Peshawar	Quetta
Sunset	05:37pm	05:03pm	05:43pm	05:02pm	05:08pm	05:37pm
Sunrise	06:50am	06:46am	06:55am	06:37am	06:53am	07:01am

Three Day Forecast

	Today				Tomorrow			Day After		
	Min	Max	Outlook	Humidity%	Min	Max	Outlook	Min	Max	Outlook
Faisalabad	9	25	Sunny	65	9	24	Sunny	8	23	Sunny
Hyderabad	12	28	Sunny	40	13	29	Sunny	13	28	Sunny
Islamabad	9	22	Sunny	54	8	22	Sunny	8	21	Sunny
Lahore	9	24	Sunny	60	9	24	Sunny	8	23	Sunny
Multan	10	25	Sunny	75	9	25	Sunny	9	24	Sunny
Peshawar	6	22	Sunny	66	7	21	Sunny	7	21	Sunny
Quetta	1	17	Sunny	34	2	17	Sunny	2	16	Sunny

Temperature estimates are internationally sourced and may differ from local estimates.

HELP

EMERGENCIES

Police Help	15, 99212652-53, 99212634
CPLC	1102, 35662222
Fire Brigade	16, 99215007, 99215008.
Bomb Disposal	99212674
KE Complaints	118
Telephone complaints	1218
Railway Inquiry	99213565-66
PCAA Flight Inquiry	99071284, 99071259
	99071265, 114

HOSPITALS

Abbasi Shaheed	99260400-09
Civil Hospital	99215740, 9215960
Jinnah Hospital	99201300-99201301
NICVD	99201271-6
Aga Khan Hospital	34930051
Medicare Hospital	021-111-001-786
Kharadar Gen Hospital	32510113-16
Indus Hospital	35112709
Tabba	36811841, 111844844
Ziauddin Hospital	35862937-9, 36648237-9
Kiran Cancer Hospital	99261601-04
Liaquat National	111-456-456, 34939615
Memon Medical	34691147 — 54
A.O. Clinic	36685564, 3668550-64
Baqai Hospital	36618396, 36618398
Holy Family Hospital	32258994, 32258991
Patel Hospital	111174174
South City Hospital	35374072
Kidney Centre Institute	35661000-10
Karwan-e-Hayat	021-111534111
Usman Memorial	021-36310311-15

AMBULANCE

Edhi	115, 32310066, 32310077
Chhipa	1020
SIEHS/Rescue	1122
St.John	32250500, 32250600
Red Crescent	35306227, 35306228

BLOOD BANK

Fatmid	32225284, 32258656
Husaini	32238405-08
PWA (Civil)	99215740, 99215959

WORD GAME

By Kathleen Saxe

▼ TODAY'S WORD
ERUPTED

(ERUPTED: eh-RUP-tid: Burst from limits or restraint.)

Average mark 16 words
Time limit 30 minutes

Can you find 24 or more words in ERUPTED?

The list will be published tomorrow.

SOLUTIONS

▼ YESTERDAY'S WORD — VILLAINY

vail, vain, vainly, vial, villa, villain, vinal, viny, vinyl, inlay, inly, lain, layin, lily, ally, anvil, nail, navy

RULES OF THE GAME:

1. Words must be of four or more letters.
2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats" or "dies," are not allowed.
3. Additional words made by adding a "d" or an "s" may not be used. For example, if "bake" is used, "baked" or "bakes" are not allowed, but "bake" and "baking" are admissible.
4. Proper nouns, slang words, or vulgar or sexually explicit words are not allowed.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

ACROSS

Particles, Alarms, Capital, Sold, Use, Average, Ova, Root, Re-enact, Uneven, Startling.

DOWN

Passports, Also, Traded, Important, Let, Erase, Selecting, Parcel, Avert, Omen, Eva.

METRO EVENTS

PLAY

The Treasure Hunt, a children's play, is staged at Auditorium 2, Arts Council of Pakistan, at 11am.

FILM FESTIVAL

A film festival is being organised at Abdul Hasan Jaffery Auditorium, Ziauddin University, main campus, at 2pm.

FILMS SCREENING

'Balkan Showcase', featuring screening of films as part of the World Culture Festival, at Auditorium 2, Arts Council of Pakistan, at 4pm.

EXHIBITIONS

Lines and Language, an exhibition of works by Rabeya Jalil, opens at Canvas Gallery, at 4pm. The show will continue till Dec 4, from 11am to 7pm.

A group show curated by FS Karachiwala opens at Mainframe the Gallery at 5pm. Titled *The Next Chapter,* it will continue till Nov 29 from 10:30am to 8:30pm.

HOROSCOPE

By Georgia Nicols

ARIES | March 21-April 19

**** Today you might have a candid conversation with a friend, a member of a group or an organization. For starters, relations with others are good today. You understand what they want without losing sight of your own needs. Travel plans, medicine and the law are favored. Tonight: Friendships.

TAURUS | April 20-May 20

**** This is an excellent day to talk to bosses, parents and authority figures about taxes, debt, mortgages or shared property. You might even discuss inheritances and insurance issues. Everyone will be reasonable. Furthermore, everyone will benefit from this exchange. Tonight: You're admired.

GEMINI | May 21-June 20

**** Discussions about travel plans or something to do with publishing, the media or higher education might take place with someone close to you. You might even be involved in legal or medical matters. Whatever the case, you'll make good progress. Tonight: Explore!

CANCER | June 21-July 22

*** This is a productive day for you, which means you can count on getting a lot done. You will also get support (both financial and practical) from others in terms of money, budgets or equipment. Meanwhile, old flames are on the scene. Tonight: Check your finances.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 22

**** Today you have to cooperate with others and possibly compromise a bit, which is not a big thing. Fortunately, relations with partners and close friends will be sociable. Discussions about kids, vacations and fun outings will be positive. Expect to hear from relatives. Tonight: Cooperate.

VIRGO | Aug. 23-Sept. 22

**** This is a productive day, especially for those of you who work from home. You might be involved with a parent more than usual. Be on guard about transportation delays, car problems, mixed-up communications and misplaced items due to Mercury retrograde. Cope as best you can. Tonight: Work.

LIBRA | Sept. 23-Oct. 22

**** This is a lovely day to schmooze! Contact friends. Meet someone for coffee or lunch. Enjoy playful activities with kids. The entertainment world and the arts will also appeal to you. No matter how hard you work today, take some time off for good behavior and enjoy yourself. Tonight: Socialize!

SCORPIO | Oct. 23-Nov. 21

**** Family discussions might focus on money, earnings and cash flow today. You're doing your best to earn money, but it's going out the door faster. Nevertheless, this is an excellent time to buy wardrobe goodies for yourself, especially because you're running into old faces from your past. Tonight: Relax.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 22-Dec. 21

*** Today the Sun is in your sign dancing beautifully with the Moon, which gives you a feeling of inner and outer equanimity. It's a good time to take stock of yourself and give yourself some breathing space. If you've been rushed lately, take a moment to catch your breath and reward yourself. Tonight: Discussions.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 19

*** A financial opportunity from an unexpected source might fall in your lap today, so keep your eyes open. It might come through a friend or some kind of a backdoor deal. This is because you can benefit from the world today, even in a casual way. Tonight: Check your money.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 20-Feb. 18

**** Today the Moon is in your sign dancing beautifully with the Sun, which makes you feel in harmony with yourself and with whatever you're doing. Things will flow smoothly. Group activities will go well. Personally, you will have a feeling of vitality! Tonight: You win!

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

**** This is a curious day, because in one way, you're high-viz and admired by others. But in another way, you'll choose to be low-key and perhaps even hide. Might this be about a romance with someone who is different? Tonight: Privacy.

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-so-so; 1-Difficult

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Bidding Quiz

By Steve Becker

Plan ahead

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 7 5
♥ A J 4
♦ A K 7 5 3 2
♣ 10 4

WEST
♠ A 10 6 2
♥ 9 8 3
♦ 4
♣ K 7 6 5 3

EAST
♠ Q J 9 3
♥ 6 2
♦ J 10 9 6
♣ Q J 8

SOUTH
♠ K 8 4
♥ K Q 10 7 5
♦ Q 8
♣ A 9 2

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	

Opening lead -- four of diamonds.

Before proceeding with the play, declarer should formulate a general plan that makes allowance for the various ways in which the opposing cards might be divided. He might not be able to come up with a plan that guarantees success against every possible distribution, but he should try to find the line of play that offers him the best chance to succeed.

Consider this deal where West led a diamond against South's four-heart contract. Declarer won East's nine with the queen and could count 12 tricks if the diamonds were divided 3-2. West's opening lead, however, had all the earmarks of a singleton, and if it was, the contract was in distinct jeopardy.

Declarer's task, therefore, was to formulate a line of play that would succeed against a 4-1 diamond break as well as a normal 3-2 division. Accordingly, he cashed the A-K of hearts and was gratified to see both opponents follow suit. He then abandoned further trump leads, leaving a heart at large and the jack in dummy as a later entry, and led the eight of diamonds.

This gave West a chance to ruff, but if he did, dummy would follow low, and declarer would wind up with 11 tricks -- five hearts, five diamonds and a club. And if West discarded instead, South would win in dummy, ruff a low diamond high, cross to the jack of hearts and again finish with 11 tricks. West's play was therefore immaterial.

Note that if declarer had not taken the trouble to assess the situation and had instead blithely drawn three rounds of trump at the outset, he would have gone down. The 4-1 diamond break plus the unfavorable location of the ace of spades would have limited him to nine tricks.

Tomorrow: A very valuable signal.

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

Quick — A5250

1	5	3	4	6	9	7	8	2
6	8	7	2	3	5	1	9	4
4	9	2	8	1	7	5	6	3
9	6	1	7	5	4	2	3	8
2	4	5	3	9	8	6	1	7
3	7	8	6	2	1	4	5	9
8	3	4	1	7	6	9	2	5
7	1	9	5	8	2	3	4	6
5	2	6	9	4	3	8	7	1

Tricky — B5250

9	4	6	5	3	2	8	7	1
8	5	7	9	1	4	6	2	3
2	3	1	7	8	6	5	4	9
3	9	5	2	7	8	4	1	6
4	7	2	6	5	1	3	9	8
1	6	8	4	9	3	2	5	7
7	8	3	1	4	5	9	6	2
6	1	4	8	2	9	7	3	5
5	2	9	3	6	7	1	8	4